His Bulldog's Heart More Than His Greyhound's Limbs Made Homer Baker a Champion of Champions!

"YOU CAN'T DO IT" NOT IN LEXICON OF HOMER BAKER

Great Runner's Career Replete With Triumphs Over . Adversity.

SCRAWNY SCHOOLBOY BECOMES A CHAMPION

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Byhis great race to victory around a field of sixty-five men in the 1,000 yard handicap at the meet of the Eccentric Firemen in Celtic Park last Sunday Homer Baker showed all of the wonderful speed and stamina that enabled him to sweep the boards in the middle distance events throughout Europe two years ago. Around that field of sixty-five runners over the none too fast Celtic Park course Homer stepped 1,000 yards from scratch in 2:14. And that certainly was some going and well worthy of Haker at his best.

No runner is more deserving of victory than is Homer Baker. No runner has achieved more triumph; over adversity than has this long, lean, lanky Brooklyn youngster. He repeatedly has shown that though he has the limbs of a greyhound his grit is that of the bull-deg and his heart the lion.

Homer Baker has had many a bout with adversity. Old "You Can't Do It" and he are ancient combatants, and so far the victories all have been on Baker's side. Homer has dropped old "You Can't Do It" for the count moreften than Sam Langford has knocked out Jim Barry.

Starts In as High Jumper.

Several years ago when Baker was a mere lad and attending Public School No. 9 of Brooklyn he had ambitions to be a high jumper. He was a thin, acrawny lad and troubled with weak eyeight. Baker's eyes were so bad that he found it difficult to see the cross-bar and gauge his jumps. "I want to be a high jumper and win a championship for my school," Baker confided to some of his friends.

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"Your eyesight is too bad," they tood him. "Besides you never showed any athletic ability anyway. You can't do it."

And then Homer went out and captured the high jumping championships of three Public Schools Athletic Leagus for three years in succession.

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And once more Homer put old "You Can't Do It" down for the full count. The senior national track and field championships of America in 1913 were held in Grant Park, Chicago, and in the race for the half mile title Baker showed his beels to a wonderfully fast showed his heels to a wonderfully fast field, including the great Sheppard, and captured the coveted championship. The national track and field champion-

But it seems all that is necessary to make Baker win is to lean over his shoulder and whisper in his ear, "You

Conquers Ted Meredith.

Anyway, when the two great runners came pounding down at the tape that memorable afternoon at Travers Island it was the stalwart chest of Baker that tore the tape in victory, and it was Baker's name and not Meredith's that

The national track and neight champions this of 1914 were held on Homewood Pield, Baltimore, during the Old Glory Celebration, and Baker repeated his success of the previous year, winning the senior half mile championship, flying the four furlongs fit 1:57 3-5, and taking a great field into camp. He won the senior half mile metropolitan championship in 1914 as well.

The year 1914 was Baker's banner year, for besides winning the senior rear, for besides winning the senior metropolitan and national half mile championships Baker went on an athieth tour of Europe and cleaned up in the middle distance events in the British laies and on the Continent.

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When Baker first made plans for his European invasion he was laughed at in athletic quarters. There was so Colympic games on. Had there been a big international meet scheduled Uncle Sammy would have sent a team across the pond, and Baker undoubtedly would have been chosen a member. Then he would not have had to worry about expenses and the financing of the trip.

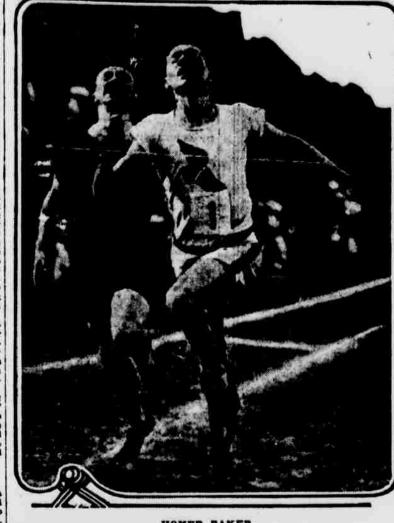
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FINISH OF A GREAT RACE



Berlin in 80 1-10 sec. after winning half mile race in 1.55 1-10.

MRS. LAKELAND BUYS JUDGES NAMED FOR SIX POMERANIANS

Obtains Them From Collection George S. Thomas Receives As-Brought Over From England by Mrs. Hill.

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Among the other dogs which went to the Jersey fancier is Diamond Dilwah, winner of five firsts and reserve championship at Manchester royal show. England; Sunbright Butterfly, winner of over twenty-four firsts at four shows, and Honey Sunbright, a lovely orange dog which has wen at some of the largest shows over the sea. With the new dogs Mrs. Lakeland has a formidable collection of Pomeranians and her kennel will no doubt play a prominent part at the fall and winter shows.

To Hold Meeting and Match. The Long Island Kennel Club will hold its first regular meeting of the fall season at the club rooms, Johnston Building, Nevins street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, September 1, at \$130 P. M. The regular member's match will be held at the conclusion of the business meeting. Attend and bring your dog, is the invitation sent out by the match committee.

RIVERHEAD SHOW

signment as Chief of Staff.

WINNERS AMONG THEM TAKES PLACE SEPT. 20

Less than forty-eight hours after landing in this country with eighteen fine Pomeranians Mra. Henry Hill, who recently returned from a three months visit in England, sold six of her dogs to Mrs. O. E. Lakeland of Summit, N. J. Among the dogs purchased by Mrs. Lakeland were several English winners, which will be exhibited at coming shows over here.

Perfect Harmony, winner of five firsts and championship at Richmond show, England, is the best of the lot. He is an orange sable dog, one year of age, a beautiful little animal of good conformation and carries a wondrous coat. His weight is 4½ pounds and he should go to the top over here. Mrs. Lakeland has obtained a fine specimen in him and the price paid was said to have been a big one.

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The County Kennel Club's first annual bench show, which is to be held at Riverhead, Long Island, September 20 and 21, have been announced. The majority of the breeds will be judged by 1 latter having the largest number and also doing the unclassified specials. In order to induce fanciers to take in this show the committee has created a fund that will be distributed through the various classes, insuring money in each breed.

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Chihunhuas, Italian greyhounds, miscellaneous, children's and Radius classes
and the unclassified specials.
Fred F. Leighton, Bronxville, N. T.—
Collies.
Leo F. F. Wanner, Hempstead, L. L.—
German sheepdogs.
Mrs. D. D. Dunn, New York City—
Restort teachers. Boston terriers.

Mrs. Charles A. Bishop, Sheepshead
Bay, N. Y.—Pekingese spaniels.

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Cocker Spaniel Is One Variety Which Is More Popular Than Ever.

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It is the ever changing fashion in dogs that possibly makes the work of the dog breeder much more difficult than it otherwise would be. This is not literally true of the sporting varieties, such as pointers, setters, foxhounds, bengles, &c., for they can give a good day's sport in the field. It is true, however, in the other breeds. Why certsin varieties will enjoy greater popularity at one time than at another is hard to fathom, and the rise and fall of breeds is hard to gauge.

The public likes changes and sensations, and it is due to this fact that a breed of dogs will become a fashion for the time and then die out. A stellying example of this is the pug. a viel

ing example of this is the pug. a verificity which a score of years ago commanded wide patronage but which to-day is practically extinct. Pekingesis were unheard of then, but to-day they have usurped the place of the pug and are the leading variety of toy dog.

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One variety which has been able to place in dogdom to the marry tittle coelecte spaniel. For years this variety has een joyed the patronage of some of the lead-ing dog fanciers in America, and there

loyed the parronage of some of the leading dog fanctors in America, and there has never been a time when this breed has not been able to make its presents felt in the fancy.

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